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Midshipman Leslie A. Davis awarded Captain Winifred Q. Collins Scholarship

PENSACOLA, Fla.—Midshipman Leslie A. Davis, NROTC Unit, University of Notre Dame, was one of five Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) midshipmen who were recently named 1999 recipients of the Captain Winifred Q. Collins Award. Each midshipman will receive a \$1000 scholarship.

The annual “Winifred Q. Collins Award” is presented to third year female midshipmen who will complete their junior year in the May/June time frame. Nominees were selected on the basis of academics, leadership, and financial need. An awards board convened by the Chief of Naval Education and Training (CNET), the command that oversees the 57 NROTC Units nationwide, selected the winners.

Collins personally notifies winning midshipmen of their selection. In a letter to each of the scholarship recipients, Collins wrote: “This designates you as one of the finest midshipmen in the NROTC program.”

Capt. Collins, U.S. Navy retired, was commissioned in 1942 in the first group of women officers to enter the U.S. Naval Reserve. In 1948, she was selected as one of 500 women officers to be commissioned in the regular Navy. In August 1957, she became the Assistant Chief of Navy Personnel for Women, the senior woman officer in the Navy at the time, and the only woman line officer serving in the rank of Captain. Collins retired in August 1962 after 20 years of active

Navy service.

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Midshipman Leslie A. Davis is a Biochemistry major at the University of Notre Dame with a cumulative GPA of 3.656. She is ranked 5 out of 41 in her class, and has qualified for the Dean's Honor list all five of her semesters at the University. She is President of the Notre Dame Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society, and is a student advisor to the University's Biochemistry/Chemistry Undergraduate Studies Committee. Midshipman Davis is a member of the NROTC Unit's basketball team, Vice President of the Trident Naval Society, and has been a staff member for Notre Dame's joint service ROTC retreat. She has also volunteered her time to help the homeless, as well as the boys/girls club in the local community.

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